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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Mr. Cain:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all pending claims and add the following claims addressing subject matter that was subject to a restriction requirement in application serial number 09/396,106:

29. (Added) A precursor of the formula:

$$(X)_{y}$$

$$(X)_{y'}$$

$$(E)_{p}$$

wherein X is a halogen, E is an silane or siloxane, n=1-4, y=0-3, y'=0-3 whereby y+y'>0, m=1-10, and p=0-3.

30. (Added) A precursor of the formula:

$$(X)_{y}$$

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$$(E)_{p}$$

$$(X)_{y}$$

$$(E)_{p}$$

wherein X is a halogen, E is an silane or siloxane, L is an ethynyl, ethenyl, or a divinyl compound, n=1-4, y=0-3, y'=0-3 whereby y+y'>0, m=1-10, and p=0-3.

32. (Added) A brominated substituted indane having the structure:

$$(Br)_{x}$$

$$(PE)_{m} - (Ar)_{n} - R - (PE)_{m}$$

wherein PE is a phenylethynyl, Ar is an indane, R is a phenyl, n = 1-20, x = 1-3, and m = 1-4.

33. (Added) A brominated substituted indane having the structure:

$$(PE)_{m} - (Ar)_{n} - R - (PE)_{m}$$

$$(PE)_{m} - (Ar)_{n} - R - (PE)_{m}$$

$$(PE)_{m} - (Ar)_{n} - R - (PE)_{m}$$

wherein PE is a phenylethynyl, Ar is an indane, R is a phenyl, B is a bridging group, n=1-10, x=1-3, p=1-20, and m=1-4.

34. (Added) A brominated substituted indane having the structure:

$$(PE)_{m} - (Ar)_{n} - R - (PE)_{m}$$

$$E$$

wherein PE is a phenylethynyl, Ar is an indane, R is a phenyl, E is an adhesion enhancer, n=1-20, x=1-3, and m=1-4.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Insert the following before "Field of the Invention":

This application is a divisional of pending application Serial Number 09/396,106, filed

September 14, 1999.

REMARKS

No new matter was added by this preliminary amendment.

Please use 30-4879 DIV (4010) as the docket number for this application.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 29-30 and 32-34 are pending in this application. The applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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